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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2125

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, RP

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED BRIBERY SCANDAL

REF: (A) 75 MANILA 14408

(B) 75 STATE 246769

1. LOCKHEED SCANDAL STORIES HAVE CAUSED FLURRY OF INTEREST AMONG FILIPINO RUMOR MERCHANTS. SOME OF IMELDA MARCOS' MINIONS ARE SPREADING STORY THAT ALEX MELCHOR WAS CAUGHT IN BRIBERY SCHEME AND WAS FIRED ON THAT ACCOUNT. SINCE MELCHOR WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT (BOTH L-100 AND C-130) STORY IS COLORABLE.

2. BY COINCIDENCE, MELCHOR, WHO HAS BEEN VERY MUCH IN COVENTRY, ATTENDED WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR SIGNING CEREMONY FEBRUARY 11. ALTHOUGH HIS PUBLIC COMPORTMENT WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS WAS RATHER AWKWARD, HE REPORTEDLY SPENT 30 MINUTES CLOSETED ALONE WITH PRESIDENT AFTER REST OF US DEPARTED FROM CEREMONY. CURRENT RUMOR IS THAT THOSE 30 MINUTES WERE A WOODSHED SESSION IN WHICH MARCOS WORKED OVER HIS LOCKHEED INVOLVEMENT.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL FROM REF A THAT  
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MARCOS ASKED ME WHETHER WE HAD ANY EVIDENCE OF LOCKHEED

SCANDAL TOUCHING PHILIPPINES. DEPARTMENT REPLY (REF B)  
WAS NEGATIVE. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANYTHING FURTHER HAS  
EVOLVED FROM KOTCHAIN PHASE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.  
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